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MEN WHO CAME BACK

Sergt. Major Trevor Maguire of the Canadian Regiment Writes of his Experiences "Over There."

I was in the battle at St. Julian when the Germans first tried the gas on us, in April, 1915. That was when the Kaiser was so sure of taking Ypres and Calais.

Our two companies of the 5th Western Cavalry were in the front line during the whole of that attack. The French line was on one side and the British line on the other. The French Colonials were completely demoralized by the gas. The Germans were forcing the left flank of the Canadian line slowly back. We realized what was at stake and held on.

Finally the order was given to "Retire at once." I saw the Adjutant trying to deliver it, shot down. The telegraph wires had been cut. The Major took the messages for both companies and came on, every step under rifle and machine gun fire. I shouted to him to keep down, but he came on. I saw him wounded and stagger. My brother and I went out and brought him unconscious in to our trench. It was fifteen minutes before he remembered he carried a message. We found it and delivered it.

We tried to wait till dark, but the Germans were coming on in such numbers that Dingwell, a comrade of mine, and I got a stretcher for the Major and started for the nearest dressing station. We were nearly exhausted, had no food for 48 hours, and entered another trench to find help. But our men were gone, and there at the other end were the Germans coming toward us. The Major begged us time and time again to leave him and save ourselves. When we were about resigned to being captured some of our own men came to our rescue.

Again our men made a stand against the advancing Germans. During all the remainder of that night we were fighting and retreating toward the British line in our rear. Although the Germans gained a few hundred yards of trenches, the position was of no strategic value, and we had faced and begun to better understand their methods.

ALLEGED THIEF TAKEN.

Money Stolen From Luray Widow Found in Roanoke.

Luray, Va., Jan. 12.—Thomas Palmer, alias Birt Palmer, a deserter from the United States navy, who on Monday broke into the home of Mrs. Mary Freeze in Luray and it is alleged made a getaway with \$1,800 or \$2,000, was arrested in Roanoke Thursday by Deputy Sheriff Renaldi and John H. Heiston, of Luray. Palmer is said to have confessed to the officers and told them the money could be found in a trunk at his home in Roanoke.

Search by the officers resulted in about half of the money being found. Palmer was unable to account for a large sum stolen from the Freeze some several weeks ago, declaring that he knows nothing of this robbery.

Mrs. Freeze, who is about 80 years old, is said to possess a large fortune and until a short time ago the money was alleged to have been buried. Palmer was lodged in the Luray jail.

MANY KILLED AND HURT.

Falling Chimney in Lynn, Mass., Cuts Factory Building in Two.

Lynn, Mass., Jan. 12.—Five persons are known to be dead and dozens were injured today when a tall brick chimney crashed through the Sprague Box Factory.

The chimney, which was without support, was blown down by the high northeast gale and practically cut the building in two.

The chimney fell just after the forty people employed at the factory had gone to work.

As the employees were starting their machines the whole building suddenly collapsed, the heavy chimney crashing through it.

The police estimate that forty persons were in the factory at the time. More than half of these were buried.

Norfolk Oysters, Hampton Bay and Potomac River oysters. J. Brill No. 2 King street.

CASE SENT ON TO COURT

Hill Johnson Arraigned on the Charge of Felonious Assault at Roundhouse of Southern R. W. Co.

On the night of the 2d instant Hill Johnson, colored, 18 years old, feloniously assaulted John Samuels, 44 years old, at the roundhouse of the Southern Railway Co., on south Henry street, where both were employed. Johnson used an iron bar, dealing Samuels a blow on the head, which, the doctors at the Alexandria Hospital say, fractured his skull. Johnson was arrested and his case continued for ten days, in order to wait the result of Samuels' injury. The latter was able to appear in the Police Court this morning and testify against his assailant. The evidence was substantially that given at the first investigation, which showed that the two negroes became piqued at each other, but that there was no justification in Johnson attacking Samuels. Johnson was held for the action of the grand jury to answer the charge of felonious assault.

An eleven-year-old boy, who notwithstanding his years, has been in trouble on other occasions, was charged with removing a doormat from a front door and selling it for fifteen cents. He was ordered to be turned over to the State Board of Charities and Correction.

A resident of the western section of the city had been cited to appear and show cause why he should not be sent on to the grand jury for distributing cards bearing the advertisement of a Baltimore liquor dealer. The accused, in his defense, stated that he had visited Baltimore several weeks ago when he had placed six or the cards in his pocket. This morning, after emerging from a luncheon house, he felt the cards in his pocket and cast them away, being unaware of the fact that he was breaking a law. Officer Walker Campbell saw the act and took him in charge. He denied that he was an agent of the liquor house, or in any way interested in the business and assured the court that he would be more circumspect in future. He was shown that he had, probably, unconsciously, broken a city and a state law. Not having a license to act as a billposter, he had distributed cards, and was subject to a fine of \$5. Under the state prohibition law he could have been sent on to the grand jury, had it been shown that he was purposely engaged in distributing advertisements of Baltimore liquor houses in Virginia.

AN APPEAL.

Alexandria Red Cross Urgently in Need of Larger Rooms in Which to Carry on the Work.

The Alexandria Red Cross is urgently in need of new work rooms, as the ever increasing activities of this splendid organization require more space for their labors and quarters that will be permanent.

Will some lodge, fraternal order, church, fire company or anyone possessing three heated rooms, donate them for the period of the war?

Under instructions from the American Red Cross these rooms must be used exclusively for Red Cross work.

Please notify Robert S. Jones, chairman, of any rooms that will be given over for the work.

Notice.

Having purchased the business and good will of B. Baer, Jr., I propose to continue the same at the old stand, No. 415 King street. I shall endeavor to conduct it in the same honest, straightforward manner as it has been in the past, soliciting a continuance of all old patrons of the firm and of all other friends.

Alexander Kaufman.

Notice.

I have disposed of my clothing and men's furnishing business to Mr. Alexander Kaufman, who will continue the same at my old stand No. 415 King street. Thanking my many friends for their liberal patronage, I solicit a continuance of the same to my successor.

B. Baer, Jr.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Alexandria Building and Loan Association will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 1918, at 7:30 p. m., at Alexandria National bank building.

C. Page Waller, Sec'y.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

The Laymen's Interdenominational League will meet in the First Baptist church on Monday night at 8 o'clock, at which time officers will be elected for the coming year.

"Investments," will be the subject of the sermon of the Rev. Raymond V. White at the Methodist Protestant church at 11 o'clock tomorrow. At the evening service his subject will be "The Path of Unrighteousness."

Ellen Lukens, daughter of the late Courtland and Mary T. Lukens, died at her home in Braddock Heights, Alexandria county, last night at 11:45. The funeral will be held on Tuesday afternoon next at two o'clock from Wheatley's Chapel.

The Rev. John Lee Allison will take for the topic of his sermon at the Second Presbyterian church at the 11 o'clock service tomorrow morning, "Call to Sacrifice." The service in the evening will be of an evangelistic character. Sunday school will be held at 9:30 in the morning and the Christian Endeavor society will meet at 7:15 p. m.

Mrs. Lena Wolf, of this city, has received word from her son, Sergt. W. C. Wolf, of Company B, Machine Gun Battalion, that he has arrived in France. He states that he likes it there much better than he did while stationed on Long Island, New York, and that he enjoyed the voyage across the ocean. Sergt. Wolf is the son of the late Wm. Wolf.

Officers were elected by Virginia Consistory of this city last night as follows: A. A. Paul, Master of Kadash; Wm. Lewis Allen, Prior; Samuel W. Pitts, Preceptor; James M. Duncanson, Treasurer; Frank W. Latham, Secretary and Almoner; Boyd J. Richards, Chancellor; Vance H. Peole, Minister of State; C. C. Patchell, Prelate; C. A. Gwynn, Master of Ceremonies; John P. Chadwick, Expert; H. L. Darnell, Assistant Expert; E. M. Weeks, Captain of the Guard; G. W. Zachary, Sentinel. The officers were installed by P. E. Clift.

POPE WORKS FOR PEACE.

Would Weave Fabric From Allied and Teuton Terms to Serve as Ground-Work.

According to dispatches from Rome, intimations that Pope Benedict had diplomatically called the attention of Emperor Karl of Austria to President Wilson's war aims message and suggested that he seek to influence the Kaiser's consideration of these peace terms, was made in influential Vatican circles today.

Official comment on the matter was refused at the Vatican. The report, however, declared the Pope had called the attention of Austria to the correspondence which had been exchanged relative to the Pope's own peace efforts as bearing on consideration now of the President's terms.

There were persistent, although unofficial, rumors today that the Pope would eventually gather up the threads of the allies' terms and those stated by the central powers and from those try to weave a fabric which would serve as the ground-work for peace.

ENOUGH FOOD FOR ALL.

United States Officials Say There is No Need of Rations.

There is no need for food rationing in America. There is enough food in this country to feed the entire population and all that is saved will be given to our allies.

There is absolutely no intention on the part of the Food Administration to prosecute householders for storing more than a month's supply of any kind of food.

This was made plain by the Food Administration today. Householders who are accustomed to buying food in large quantities will be encouraged in the practice.

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Strawberry cream from fresh fruit during rest of season at L. Shuman's, 11-2t.

Alpheus Robey killed four wild ducks which were swimming in a clear spot in the river off the Norfolk steamers' wharf this morning.

The January term of the Corporation Court, Judge Louis C. Bailey, will begin Monday. The grand jury will meet Wednesday.

Officers of the Alexandria National bank have been elected by the board of directors as follows: Judge C. E. Nicol, president; Samuel G. Brent, vice president; J. Lawrence Perry, cashier; R. A. Lynn, assistant cashier.

Civil service examinations will be held in this city on Saturday next to secure candidates for first grade clerical positions in the government service. A large number are said to be needed in the Internal Revenue Department.

Mr. O. A. Catts of the United States Navy has returned to his post of duty after a short visit to his mother. He has graduated from Pratt's Institute, Brooklyn, New York, and is taking a special course in electricity at New London, Conn., where he is now stationed.

The name of the most recently organized auxiliaries of the Alexandria Red Cross was accidentally omitted from the report given to the Gazette yesterday. The members of the Eastern Star have recently formed an auxiliary with Mrs. J. W. Bales as chairman, Mrs. F. J. Paff, secretary and Mrs. M. L. Rishiel, treasurer. The Chapter is expecting much splendid work to be accomplished by this new group of excellent workers.

A verdict of not guilty was returned by a jury yesterday afternoon in the case of William C. Dashiell, charged with issuing a forged government check. The case was heard in the United States Court for the Eastern district of Virginia. In the same court Eva Baker, indicted for setting up a bawdy house within five miles of a government camp, entered a plea of guilty and was directed to pay costs of case. The court subsequently adjourned for the term.

VON HERTLING TO REPLY.

German Press Defiant in Comment On President Wilson's Peace Terms.

London, Jan. 12.—It is reported in Berlin that the German Chancellor, Count von Hertling, will probably address the Reichstag main committee on Monday in reply to the war aims speeches of President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen says.

Berlin, Jan. 12.—The Tageblatt says of President Wilson's speech: "Mr. Wilson would find himself mistaken if he assumed that the Reichstag majority was ready to negotiate peace on the basis which he declares to be the only one possible."

The Nachrichten, of Dusseldorf, reports President Wilson's proposition as utterly unacceptable, and says that discussion is useless.

"It may be hard," it says, "after three years of war, but a decision must be sought on the battle field. It is not our wish, but we shall not leave the field except with honor."

The Allgemeine Zeitung, of Essen, says:

"President Wilson seems not to know that the smallest appropriation for the army requires the sanction of the Reichstag, the most democratic Parliament in the world. Yet he, who, unheeding the spirit of the American Constitution, has erected a brutal military dictatorship in his own country, now presumes to talk about autonomy in free Germany."

The Rheinische Westfalsche Zeitung says:

"We are working out our terms of peace and Mr. Wilson will soon become aware of them."

The newspaper adds that Germany agrees with Mr. Wilson on the question of freedom of the seas, but adds: "Mr. Wilson is unable to guarantee it to us, therefore, we propose to enforce it with U-boats."

Death Notice.

Died, on Friday, Jan. 11th, at 11:45 p. m., at her home in Braddock Heights, Ellen, daughter of the late Courtland and Mary T. Lukens. Funeral Tuesday, Jan. 15th, at 2 p. m. from Wheatley's Chapel.

The Rev. W. H. Van Ness will preach at the Free Methodist church tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. P. L. Rush is confined to her home on Duke street extended by illness.

Mrs. Thompson Webster of 1225 Prince street, has returned from a week's visit to her son, Rutledge Webster, at Camp McClellan, Anniston, Alabama.

The Rev. A. E. Spielman, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, will preach on "The Error of Measuring Religion by Statistics," at 11 o'clock tomorrow. The service at night will be of an evangelistic character. The Sunday school and adult Bible class will meet at 9:30 in the morning.

There will be an enrollment of new scholars and forming of new companies at the Salvation Army Sunday school in the headquarters hall on lower King street tomorrow afternoon at 2:30. At 8 o'clock in the evening Captain Hellwege will preach on "The Lost Boy."

Included in the important business which will come up at the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on Monday evening next will be the election of six directors. The following named gentlemen have been nominated for the positions to date: Frank T. King, W. A. Smoot, Jr., Kenneth W. Ogden, Carroll Pierce, Wallace Lindsey, and O. H. Kirk.

Prof. Marashleian, an Armenian will speak and sing at the Second Baptist church in this city tomorrow evening at 7:45. He was born in the city of Tarsus, which will be remembered as the birth place of St. Paul but is a naturalized American citizen. He possesses a most remarkable voice, the range of which enables him to sing a four octave. He is also a master of the violin which he will use in the service tomorrow night. His time is being devoted entirely to the cause of spreading the gospel.

THANKS TO THE SOLDIERS.

Officials of the Children's Home in Alexandria Express Their Appreciation.

The Gazette is today in receipt of the following from those in charge of the Children's Home in this city:

The sentiment of the average American was expressed by the small boy who wrote to Santa Claus this Christmas as follows:

"Dear Santa:

"Please don't bring me nothing this year, just give it to the soldiers. Billy."

That is the way most of us feel, if we are really Americans, yet the soldiers turned the tables in Alexandria and gave us one more good reason to be grateful to them. Christmas morning an automobile from Ft. Hart stopped in front of the Alexandria Children's Home and from it stepped three men in khaki, each carrying a big box. Once in the home the boxes proved to be full of toys that must have been chosen by Santa Claus himself. No toy that would delight the heart of a small boy or girl seemed to have been overlooked. It made a rather wonderful picture the soldiers, happy in the happiness they were giving others, smiling down on the children, who danced about them screaming with delight. And yet it brought a lump into the throat. Men who have already given themselves to their country, remembering to give the kiddies pleasure on Christmas day. God bless them.

While we are thanking the soldiers we also want to thank the warm hearted and generous souled people of Alexandria, who remembered the Children's Home so liberally this Christmas. In addition to their material help we want to thank them for giving us back our faith in Santa Claus, who is, after all, just "the spirit of Giving."

INCOME TAX RETURNS.

J. Fred Birrell Will Aid Taxpayers in Making up their Taxable Incomes.

J. Fred Birrell, of Alexandria, deputy collector of internal revenue, has been assigned to Fairfax and Alexandria counties and Alexandria City to aid taxpayers in making up their income tax returns. Mr. Birrell, about the middle of this month, will begin his duties in Alexandria. Later he will come to Fairfax, and the dates he will be here will be announced as soon as known. Attention is called to the fact that returns must be made by March 1st. Failure to comply with the law subjects the offender to heavy penalties. It is the duty of the taxpayer to see Mr. Birrell, and not for Mr. Birrell to see him.—Fairfax Herald.

Roberts Chapel Services.

Rev. Arthur H. Pace, of Howard University, Washington, will preach at Roberts Chapel tomorrow at 11 o'clock a. m. The other services of the day will be held at the usual hours.

ICE IN RIVER NOW ON RUN

Copious Rain and High Wind Last Night Aided Much in Lifting the Embargo on the Potomac.

Jupiter Pluvius and Aeolus played well their parts last night, and this morning considerable clear water was discernible in the river. Should the forecast of the Weather Bureau crystallize, and strong northwest winds prevail this afternoon and tonight, much of the ice which now fills the channel will by morning be beached upon the Maryland shore.

The steamer Northland, of the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company, left this port last night at about her usual hour, and arrived off Old Point at an early hour this morning, where she remained until sunrise before attempting to enter Hampton Roads, which is covered with ice. The Southland, of the same line, left Norfolk this morning at ten o'clock, and is due at this port some time before midnight.

Meteorological conditions last night were suggestive of St. Patrick's Day weather. The heavens had been overcast yesterday, and about four o'clock in the afternoon snow began to fly. The wind was from the east, and there was every reason to believe the forecast of the Weather Bureau would be fulfilled— heavy snow and increasing north-east winds. The snow, however, ceased to fall after dark, but it was succeeded by rain and at times hail. The wind later veered from the east to the northeast, and the rain all became more copious. The temperature was higher than it had been for some time, and the ice in the river showed indications of weakness. Pedestrians in the streets or on the sidewalks were accomplished under uncomfortable conditions, as both were flooded.

Between 3 and 4 o'clock this morning the wind assumed an alarming velocity, and disturbed the slumbers of many persons who were anxious regarding roofs and chimneys. So far as can be learned, however, no serious damage occurred anywhere, although the iron casing of a chimney on the Royal street end of the City Hall was torn out and cast upon the sidewalk. One of these casings, it will be remembered, was blown down in the Fairfax street side of the City Hall several years ago.

The weather today has been clear and warmer with a stiff northwest wind prevailing.

LAST NIGHT'S STORM.

Disturbance Leaves Broad Trail of Devastation in South Atlantic States.

Trees and wires were blown down by last night's storm, and reports of damage from outlying sections are reaching Washington.

The storm swept through the Southern Atlantic States, leaving a broad trail of devastation. Wires are reported down and railroad schedules had not been established up to 10 o'clock today. Trains are far behind time. The Middle West dispatches declare, in the grip of a fierce blizzard.

The wind reached a velocity estimated at forty miles, blowing the strongest shortly after 2 o'clock this morning. Toward daylight the wind died and the mercury began falling.

Storm and hurricane warnings are being prepared by the Weather Bureau for distribution along the Atlantic coast and Great Lakes. A cold wave, bringing temperature as low as not lower than those of last week, is predicted to set in beginning tonight. Zero temperatures will be recorded by tomorrow.

DEED IS FILED TODAY

Alexandria Shipyard Property is Conveyed to the American Shipbuilding Corporation—Business Getting Under Way.

Mr. H. B. Caten, as commissioner, today filed the deed conveying to Mr. Colin H. Livingston, president of the American Shipbuilding Corporation, the shipyard property on the river front extending from Gibson to Jefferson streets, in this city, which has been purchased by the latter corporation for use as a shipyard for the building of ships for the United States government. This completes the formal transfer of the land required and the work of preparation for the actual building of the ships is already being pushed as rapidly as possible.

Officials of the company had a photograph taken of the grounds this morning and it is stated that a photograph will be taken each week in order to show the progress made in the progress of the work every seven days. No effort is to be spared, from this time on to speed up and get things going at the fastest possible gait. Workmen are hustling to get the executive offices in the Wagar building in readiness for the force of office assistants to arrive here from New York on Monday. A telephone switch board to accommodate 24 telephones are being installed in the office in the Wagar and a telephone operator will be brought from New York along with the other special office employees from the metropolis.

Secretary B. M. Much was on the job early this morning and the manner in which "things were moving" indicates that he did not come down to Alexandria entirely for his health.

THE WEATHER.  
For this section cloudy, falling temperature today.

PRICE ONE CENT.

WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT.

Alexandrians in the Capital City Had Thrilling Experience With the Elements.

Alexandrians who visited Washington last night to attend moving picture shows, the Billy Sunday meeting or to make social calls paid dearly for their temerity, as snow was falling early towards the close of the day, and there was every indication that a tempestuous night was on the way to this section.

One of the Washington papers in describing conditions last night says:

Ankle-deep in icy slush, Washington last night waded through the coldest and most disagreeable night of the winter. With the streets running rivers, crossings flooded with the coldest of water, pavements alternately icy and steaming, foot and vehicle traffic was virtually demoralized.

Starting in during the early evening hours with a fine but moist snow, and a deal of wind, with the temperature well below the freezing point, the city weather, far from being the choice assortment of northern breezes and wailing winds promised by the Weather Man, changed to a heavy cold rain that turned the early snowfall to a gray ooze that even penetrated supposedly waterproof overshoes.

Hundreds of Billy Sunday fans, who had gone to hear the great evangelist's evening sermon, were forced to stand in the driving rain, when a storm-created traffic snarl held up street car service for the better part of a half-hour.

Although Billy Sunday as yet may not have made any calls for "trail riders" at the big Tabernacle, there were a bunch of Washington people that his "sawdust trails" yesterday. For long before midnight restaurant keepers were "dusting" walks with everything from sawdust to shavings, and from ashes to just ordinary dirt, in an endeavor to keep late theater crowds from skidding right past their doors to the rival cafe next door.

And on top of all this unearthly brand of weather came this disheartening report from the forecaster: "Continued cold rains or snow all today. Much colder tonight with a cold wave due some time around midnight." And summer twenty weeks away!

Slight Fire This Afternoon.

The fire department was summoned to No. 115 north Payne street shortly before 8 o'clock this afternoon. The damage was slight.